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Thirty-Sixth Annual Report

of the

Board of Managers

of the

Seaside House for Invalid Women,

being their report for

~1913~



The
Mercer Memorial House
for
Invalid Women

At
Atlantic City,
N. J.

THE WORK.

The Seaside House for Invalid Women now receives each year over one thousand worthy women. It furnishes them with comfortable rooms, nursing, medicine, and medical care, not entirely without charge, but at a price which they are able to pay, and which is about two-thirds the actual cost. Their stay at the seaside almost invariably proves beneficial, and there are to-day scores of grateful women earning their living in comfort, whose recovery from dependent invalidism began in this Institution.

ITS NEEDS.

1st. Five thousand dollars in voluntary contributions are annually required for current expenses. Small contributions are always acceptable.

2d. Three thousand dollars will endow a single room in perpetuity, and give the donor the right to name the occupant of the room subject to the rules of the Institution.

3d. A larger Endowment Fund is greatly needed.

Will not contributors in making their wills provide for a continuance of their bounty to the Institution after they have passed away.

Let those who cannot bequeath much, remember that a legacy of one hundred and twenty-five dollars will, for all time, provide an annual contribution of five dollars.

THE MERCER MEMORIAL HOUSE

FOR INVALID WOMEN,

Atlantic City, New Jersey.

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*(The organization possessing the Mercer Memorial House,
for Invalid Women, was incorporated in New Jersey
February 23rd, 1880, under the title of "The Seaside
House for Invalid Women," and it still
retains this corporate title.)*



PHILADELPHIA :

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1914.

THE SEASIDE HOUSE

FOR INVALID WOMEN

BOARD OF MANAGERS

FOR 1914

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33 S. Sixteenth Street.

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MR. WILLIAM S. HARVEY, Forrest Building.
MRS. DAVID E. WILLIAMS, Bala, Pa.

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FISCAL AGENT,

PROVIDENT LIFE AND TRUST COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA.

PHYSICIANS.

Physician in charge, WILLIAM H. BENNETT, M.D. Philadelphia.
Attending Physician, J. C. MARSHALL, M. D. Atlantic City.

EXAMINING PHYSICIANS.

No examinations will be made on Sundays, or at other hours than those given below.

A. M. DAVIS, M. D., 25 High Street, Germantown.

Office Hours: until 9.30 A. M., 2 to 3 P. M., 7 to 8.30 P. M.

CHARLES B. WORDEN, M. D., 322 South 16th Street.

Office Hours: 2 to 3 P. M. and 6 to 7.30 P. M.

EDWARD B. HODGE, JR., M. D., 346 South 16th Street.

Office Hours: 9 to 10 A. M.

WARD BRINTON, M. D., 1423 Spruce Street.

Office Hours: 8.30 to 11 A. M. and 7 to 8 P. M.

Report for 1913
OF THE
Board of Managers
OF THE
Seaside House for Invalid Women,
TO THE CONTRIBUTORS.

The Managers present their thirty-sixth Annual Report with a feeling of gratitude to the Contributors for the generous support given the Institution during the year. Not only were we able to meet the year's expenses, but we also, out of our income were able to add nearly fifteen hundred dollars to our Permanent Fund.

The steady growth of this Fund both by the gifts of the living Contributors and the bequests of those who have passed away is most gratifying. We are glad to state that it now amounts to (\$41,350.00) and is larger than it was in 1906 when we were compelled to make the sad announcement that all we had accumulated in it during twenty-nine years of effort had been swept away through the dishonesty of a trusted officer. In that dark hour the question came to more than one of the Managers, "Will not our Contributors consider us to have been too blind and too trusting stewards to ever again put confidence in our stewardship"? In the reconstruction of the Permanent Fund a comforting answer has come back and our gratitude for this answer must be our apology for referring to the saddest incident in the history of our Institution.

One of the first to help in the formation of a new Fund was a "Friend" whom we are not permitted to name, but who year by year has contributed a thousand dollars at a time until her original gift of five thousand dollars has been increased to nine thousand. For her great generosity and large help we are profoundly grateful.

Our Institution opened last year May first with twenty-two patients and closed October first when thirty-four patients were discharged. In the one hundred and fifty-four days which it was open (1121) women were admitted. They remained on an average twelve and a half days each and in the aggregate (14342) days. Excepting early and late in the season the House was always full. The average number in the Institution the season through being (93).

The religious connections of those admitted may be partially stated as follows:

33 $\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. were Roman Catholics, 36 per cent. of the Protestants admitted were Episcopalians, 21 per cent. were Presbyterians and 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Methodists. All denominations received an equal welcome

Our records show that there is a new interest awakening in our work and a growing appreciation of its value among those who are brought most closely in contact with the class of women for whom our Institution was established.

The churches, the hospitals, and the social service workers were last year instrumental in sending us over one-seventh of all the patients admitted to the Institution.

The Treasurer's Report shows that there was expended for provisions, salaries, wages, medicines, medical supplies, ice, coal, gas, electricity, water

rent, sewer rent, telephone, telegrams, express, freight and miscellaneous charges, items which have usually been considered the housekeeping expenses (\$11,839.72) or at the rate of (\$5.78) per week for each inmate. In addition there was paid out for repairs, improvements, house furnishings, printing, postage, stationery, fire and liability insurance and all other things (\$2938.58) making the whole cost of maintaining the Institution during the year (\$14,778.30) or (\$7.21) per week for each inmate. The average payment made by each inmate was (\$4 87) per week.

In thanking our many friends whose names and generous gifts are to be found mentioned in our long list of Contributors, we cannot forget those who gave valuable service to the Institution during the year.

Dr. J. C. Marshall, who has been our faithful visiting physician for many years was never wearied by our calls upon him and as in the past rendered prompt and skillful service in every emergency.

Dr. Stanley P. Reiman our Resident Physician gave his entire summer to the medical care of our inmates and won our hearty appreciation for the skill and faithfulness which he showed in their treatment.

To the Staff of Examining Physicians we are indebted also for valuable services gratuitously rendered.

To all these and many others who in various ways gave cheerful aid to our people the Managers gratefully express their obligations.

Miss Lowrie, our Matron, won the hearty approbation of the Board and the esteem of the patients by the quiet and orderly manner in which she conducted the household and made the comfort of all its members her constant study.

To Miss Lindsey, now in charge of the office work and her co-laborers, the Managers wish to express publicly appreciation of the accurate and systematic manner in which their accounts were kept and the arrangements for the admission and discharge of the patients were carried out.

To arrange for the admission of twelve hundred women, many of them unaccustomed to traveling, in such a way that there shall always be a place for each one sent for and never a vacant place when scores are waiting, is no small undertaking.

During the past year our Institution lost one of its warmest and most faithful friends. Miss Lilla S. Pechin entered into her eternal rest July 25th, 1913. She was one of the Founders of the Institution and throughout her connection with it, its Secretary. For twenty years she was a greatly interested and most active Manager, and when she felt she could no longer serve on the Board she further showed her deep interest in the Institution by contributing a thousand dollars to its Permanent Fund. She lived entirely for others. With a mentality which would have made her a brilliant and welcome member of the Social Circle to which she belonged, she preferred to devote herself to the interests of the poor and from early womanhood to beyond three score and ten her one thought was to make brighter and better the lives of the hundreds in whose humble homes she was a constant and ever welcome visitor. Out of the needs of her poorer friends grew her interest in the organization and subsequent management of our Institution, and when, suddenly, just as she would have wished, her life ended, our Institution lost a

true friend, but in the scores of little homes, where through two generations she had been adviser, comforter, and friend, the loss was one which could never be replaced.

In view of the reports which are heard from time to time in regard to the opening of new Homes for Convalescents, it may not be amiss to call attention to the possibilities which exist in our Institution for an increase in its work. Whenever it is possible it is better and more economical to develop existing Institutions than to organize new ones.

It is currently believed that the combined capacity of Institutions for the sick in Philadelphia is greater than present needs warrant. This is not at this time true of Institutions for Convalescents, but it might easily become true without careful forethought in planning new Institutions.

The Mercer House could not with its present accommodations receive more patients than it does in the midsummer months, but if the plans of ten years ago were carried out in the erection of an addition on our present premises, it is likely that two hundred more women could be provided for every summer. Then it must be borne in mind that our building was originally constructed so that a portion of it could be used throughout the year. That portion was thus used during the first winter after it was opened and with proper heating arrangements, the whole building could be easily brought into use the year through. There is no doubt of the benefit to be derived in winter by a residence at the seashore. The experience of other Institutions indicates that it is quite as great as in summer. If then our Institution could be

used to the full capacity of which it is capable, its admissions could be increased by twelve hundred, an increase equal to the capacity of an Institution nearly equal to the present size of our own. Our location at the seaside within easy reach of Philadelphia is unsurpassed for a Convalescent Institution and it is doubtful if the conveniences of ours could anywhere be duplicated by an expenditure of less than eighty thousand dollars.

It seems but fair to present these facts to the public with the hope that benevolent people contemplating the establishment of new Institutions will before doing so give consideration to the upbuilding of the one to which we have devoted thirty-six years of attention, and from which we have gained thirty-six years of experience. Desirable as an enlargement of our work seems to be, we feel that we cannot at present attempt more than we are doing. We have expressed our pleasure at the increase of our Endowment Fund, but we must not forget that its income is not yet sufficient to pay for our insurance and repairs. May we not hope that some contributor able and willing will by gift or bequest provide a Fund yielding an income commensurate with our needs. The work of the present year will soon begin and we must again ask for contributions to meet its demands. Approximately five thousand dollars will be required.

Respectfully submitted
by order of the Board of Managers,
WILLIAM H. BENNETT,
PRESIDENT.

January 1st, 1914.

TABLE SHOWING THE WORK OF THE INSTITUTION FROM YEAR TO YEAR.

	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893
Number of days institution was open.																
Number of patients admitted.	61	98	91	203	322	243	283	294	217	169	181	181	195	202	197	197
Average length of stay of each patient in days.	18	85	85	159	219	253	290	469	604	606	603	740	740	837	867	894
Average number of patients in the institution.		16.2	13.1	15	17.3	15	16.9	17	15.4	13	14	14	14	12 $\frac{3}{4}$	131	133 $\frac{3}{4}$
Aggregate length of stay of patients in days.	1098	14	12	12	12	16	19	27	43	47	47	54	54	62	59	67
		1381	1119	2351	3802	3789	4902	7876	9325	7965	8489	10188	10561	10691	11635	12278
Average outlay per patient per week for household expenses.	\$4 74	\$1 13	\$4 27	\$4 43	\$4 85	\$4 88	\$6 16	\$5 84	\$5 53	\$5 17	\$5 68	\$6 00	\$5 50	\$5 75	\$5 15	\$5 01
" " " " all expenses.	8 70	6 16	6 79	8 89	6 51	6 34	7 63	6 72	6 40	6 72	6 67	7 63	6 45	7 50	6 52	6 09
Receipts from Board of Patients.	529 78	805 95	650 52	1,358 54	2,377 46	2,311 13	2,999 67	4,503 53	5,149 06	4,555 47	4,744 89	5,773 20	5,980 12	5,899 71	6,510 77	6,897 85
" " Contributions.	1,268 00	1,116 70	389 50	1,805 68	1,152 50	1,026 59	2,145 35	1,950 27	3,354 80	4,241 11	2,533 15	4,724 98	3,516 59	4,114 45	4,440 68	3,432 46

	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	*1907	1908	1909
Number of days institution was open.	189	204	189	170	177	185	174	181	189	169	186	167	148	140	156	171
Number of patients admitted.	1086	1221	1163	1139	1080	1260	1439	1470	1367	1198	1426	1415	1133	1054	1165	1300
Average length of stay of each patient in days.	12½	121	12.5	12.8	11½	12½	11⅔	12	11¼	12½	12⅔	12	11½	12½	13	12½
Average number of patients in the institution.	72	75	77	86	74	85	92	96	82	89	94	103	88	94	93	96
Aggregate length of stay of patients in days.	13523	15177	14603	14638	12000	15809	15998	17357	15430	15073	17581	17190	13030	13173	15071	16453
Average outlay per patient per week for household expenses.	\$4 56	\$4 72	\$4 71	\$4 28	\$5 12	\$4 43	\$4 37	\$4 42	\$5 00	\$4 43	\$4 35	\$4 39	\$1 67	\$4 99	\$4 83	\$1 75
“ “ “ “ all expenses.	5 85	6 85	5 92	6 05	6 39	5 40	5 30	5 69	6 18	5 79	5 26	5 65	6 16	6 52	6 40	6 37
Receipts from Board of Patients.	7,713 32	8,521 04	8,252 33	7,962 58	6,715 32	9,012 77	8,666 83	9,766 15	8,891 46	8,574 32	9,902 98	9,477 40	7,396 94	7,375 75	8,269 37	9,239 30
“ “ Contributions	2,518 96	3,923 44	3,448 58	3,895 04	3,410 83	3,388 73	3,636 41	3,217 50	3,821 50	3,469 46	3,521 51	4,009 75	3,388 16	20,935 20	4,548 76	5,049 73

	1910	1911	1912	1913
Number of days institution was open.	154	155	154	154
Number of patients admitted.	1233	1179	1144	1121
Average length of stay of each patient in days.	12½	12½	12½	12½
Average number of patients in the institution.	100	95	95	93½
Aggregate length of stay of patients in days.	15481	14820	14614	14342
Average outlay per patient per week for household expenses.	\$1 94	\$5 12	\$5 38	\$5 78
" " " " all expenses.	6 66	7 62	7 49	7 21
Receipts from Board of Patients.	7,987 96	10,346 50	10,189 75	9,973 00
" " Contributions.	8,784 26	9,915 47	5,549 98	6,600 88

TREASURER'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1913.

RECEIPTS

Contributions	\$ 6,600 88
Board of Inmates	9,973 00
Interest on Investments	\$ 1,610 59
" " Deposits	21 26
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	1,631 85
Sale of Articles at Home	31 22
Temporary Loan, Provident L. & T. Co.	300 00
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	\$18,536 95
Cash Balance, January 1, 1913	106 63
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	\$18,643 58

PAYMENTS

Provisions	\$ 7,191 42
Ice	100 19
Coal	197 25
Salaries and Wages	3,669 92
Gas, Electric Light and Power	187 41
Drugs and Medical Supplies	141 62
Repairs and Improvements	656 07
Insurance	1,208 14
Water Rent	20 00
Sewerage Service	70 20
Telephone	38 10
Printing, Postage, Office Supplies, including Printing and Distribution of Annual Report	393 92
Taxes, Pleasantville Terrace	1 28
Freight, Expressage and Cartage	35 50
Provident Life and Trust Co., Fiscal Agents	27 26
Miscellaneous Expenses	188 11
House Furnishings	651 91

\$14,778 30

Investment in Permanent Fund	\$6,088 75
Less matured and re-invested	2,300 00
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	3,788 75

\$18,567 05

Cash Balance December 31, 1913	76 53
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\$18,643 58

LIST OF INVESTMENTS

MORTGAGE BONDS

Clearfield & Jefferson R. R. Co., 6%	\$	500 00
Citizens Gas & Fuel Co., 5%		300 00
Reading Co., & Phila. and Reading C. & I. Co., 4%		4,000 00
Ontario Power Co., of Niagara Falls 5%		2,000 00
Northern Indiana Gas & Electric Co., 5%		6,000 00
Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction Co., 5%		1,000 00
Baldwin Locomotive Works, 5%		1,000 00
Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Co., (Pittsburgh, Lake Erie and W. Va., system) 4%		2,000 00
Pennsylvania R. R. Conv. $4\frac{9}{10}\%$		16,500 00
Public Service Corp of N. J., General S. F. 5%		3,000 00
3110 Columbia Ave., $4\frac{9}{10}\%$	} Philadelphia	2,200 00
1005 Duncannon Ave., $4\frac{1}{2}\%$		1,700 00
1451 Jerome St., $4\frac{1}{2}\%$		1,000 00

CAPITAL STOCK

Germantown Pass. Rwy. Co., 3 shares $10\frac{1}{2}\%$	150 00
	\$41,350 00

REAL ESTATE

Lots 6, 7, 45, 46, Pleasantville Terrace, N. J. Not appraised.

CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT.

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF

THE SEASIDE HOUSE FOR INVALID WOMEN.

GENTLEMEN :

We hereby certify that we have audited and examined the books and accounts of your Treasurer, as also, the books and accounts of the Management at Atlantic City for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1913, and found both to be correct, and the report herewith submitted is a correct statement of the operations of the House for the year above ended.

We have also verified the Investments of the House by the means of the statement of the Provident Life & Trust Company, your fiscal agent, and found them to be as called for by the books and accounts.

Real Estate Trust Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

JOHN HEINS & Co.,
Accountants and Auditors.

PERMANENT FUNDS:

From Special Contributions

“ Friend ”	\$8,000 00	
Mrs. Caroline G. Taitt	3,000 00	
Miss Rebecca Gibson	3,000 00	
Mrs. A. L. Lowry	3,000 00	
Miss Mary A. Cheves Dulles (Est.)	5,000 00	
Miss Swing	100 00	
George C. Thomas	500 00	
Charles T. Matthews (Est.) . . .	214 30	
Allendale Memorial		
(The Misses Whitlocke . . .	350 00	
Reuben Babcock (Est.)	100 00	
Miss Mary Lewis (Est.)	2,000 00	
Miss Henderson (Est.)	125 00	
St. Margaret's Home (Trustee) . .	1,000 00	
Miss Maria Blanchard (Est.) . . .	5,000 00	
Mrs. Jane B. Shain (Est.)	1,000 00	
Caleb J. Milne	250 00	
Mrs. Louise Spear (Est.)	2,000 00	
T. Morris Perot, Jr. \$5 00 . . .	}	12 00
Mrs. J. Lewis Crozer 5 00 . . .		
A Friend 1 00 . . .		
Miss V. A. Crawford 1 00 . . .		
		34,651 30
From Current Receipts		6,698 70
		<u>\$41,350 00</u>

The Board of Managers gratefully acknowledge
the receipt of the following

CONTRIBUTIONS.

During the Year ending December 31st, 1913

Aertsen, Miss A. F. . . . \$	2 00	Collins, Mrs. Henry H. \$	10 00
A Friend	160 00	Converse, Miss Mary E.	25 00
A Friend	1 00	Cope, Mrs. Edward . .	10 00
A Friend	2 50	Cope, Mrs. Walter . .	10 00
Anonymous	10 00	Cox, Miss Annie P. . .	1 00
Armstrong, F. Wallis .	50 00	Cox, Mrs. James S. . .	5 00
Barber, Miss Susan . .	1 00	Coxe, Mr. Henry B. . .	25 00
Barnes, Mr. & Mrs. W. H.	30 00	Crawford, Virginia A. .	2 00
Bateman, Mrs. James .	1 00	Cresswell, Mrs. Chas. T.	25 00
Bennett, Dr. Wm. H. .	5 00	Curtis, Mrs. Matilda .	1 00
Benyaurd, Mrs. M. H. .	5 00	Cutter, Mrs. E. J. . .	1 00
Bergen, Mrs. George .	20 00	Cuyler, Mrs. T. deWitt	5 00
Beyer, Mrs. Chas. C. .	1 00	Dade, Mrs. Laura H. .	20 00
Blakiston, Mrs. P. . .	5 00	Dana, Mrs. Charles E. .	5 00
Blanchard, The Misses	150 00	Davis, Mrs. Henry C. .	5 00
Biddle, Mrs. Chas. J. .	1 00	Deane, A.	5 00
Bishop, Mrs. G. L. . .	5 00	DeHaven, Mrs. A. B. C.	2 00
Bok, Mrs. Edward . .	25 00	Dick, Miss Ruth . . .	1 00
Boker, Mrs. George . .	5 00	Diehl, Mrs. Kate . . .	2 00
Bradford, Miss Annie .	5 00	Dick, Mrs. Wm. A. . .	10 00
Brazier, Mrs. J. H. . .	5 00	Dillard, Miss Matilda .	1 00
Brock, Mrs. R. C. H. .	25 00	Dougherty, Mrs. T. H. .	10 00
Brooke, Mrs. Hunter .	5 00	Dreka, Louis	25 00
Brown, Mrs. John A. Jr.	50 00	Duff, Mrs. John J. . .	25 00
Browning, Mrs. G. G. .	2 00	Dupuy, Miss F. I. . . .	2 50
Bryan, Mrs. Mary . .	1 00	Durant, Mrs. F. C. . .	2 00
Buckley, Mrs. Ed. S., Jr.	10 00	Dutilh, Miss E.	5 00
Buhl, Miss Augusta . .	50	Ennis, A. J.	25 00
Burns, Miss Mary . . .	1 00	Electric Equipment Co.	1 58
Burns, Miss Margaret .	1 00	Farley, Miss Elinor I. .	1 00
Burrows, Miss Nora . .	1 00	Farr, Mrs. Wm. W. . .	5 00
Buzby, Mrs. W. J. . . .	10 00	Fleishmann, Mrs. S. A.	1 00
Cadwalader, Mrs. John	25 00	Frantz, Miss Martha V.	1 00
Cain, Mrs. Theresa . .	1 00	Freas, Miss Maria . . .	3 00
Caldwell, Miss F. F. .	3 00	Friend, Miss E. B. . .	1 00
Calvert, Mrs. Graham .	2 00	Ford, Mrs. Bruce . . .	5 00
Caner, Mrs. H. K. . .	3 00	Fryer, Mrs. Jane . . .	1 00
Carpenter, Mrs. Sue P.	4 00	Flagg, Mrs. S. G., Jr. .	10 00
Cash	10 50	Fox, Dr. Joseph M. . .	25 00
Cassatt, Mrs. A. J. . .	50 00	Foster, Mrs. Frank B. .	1 00
Chambers, Mrs. J. H. .	2 00	Fox, Mrs. Henry K. . .	5 00
Chapman, Mrs. Edward	5 00	Friend	1000 00
Chichester, Mrs. G. M.	5 00	Gest, Mrs. John B. . .	15 00
Churchman, H.	5 00	Gibson, Miss Mary K. .	100 00
Clark, Mr. & Mrs. E. W.	50 00	Gitterman, Mrs. A. S. .	10 00
Clyde, Miss Margaret .	10 00	Griffith, Mrs. Mary . .	1 00
Coles, Mrs. Edward . .	10 00	Groome, Mrs. John C. .	5 00
Collett, Miss A. E. . .	5 90	Hacker, Mrs. Chas. . .	5 00

Hagert, Mrs. Edwin . \$	1 00	Mellen, Rev. Henry M. \$	2 00
Haines, Mrs. Annie . .	1 00	Mellor, Mrs. Wm. . . .	2 00
Harding, Mrs. W. W. . .	10 00	Merritt, Mrs. J. S. . .	5 00
Hare & Chase	50 29	Meyer, Mrs. Barbara . .	1 00
Hare, The Misses . . .	5 00	Miller, Mrs. Kate G. . .	1 00
Harrison, Mrs. A. C. . .	25 00	Miller, Miss Mary Ann .	5 00
Harris, Mrs. J. Campbell	100 00	Mitchell, Fletcher & Co.	5 00
Harshaw, Mrs. Mary S. .	10 00	Mitchell, Mrs. J. K. . .	2 00
Hassett, Mrs. Mary . . .	2 00	Mogee, Mrs. A. Dawson .	1 00
Hart, Mrs. Harry C. . .	25 00	Montgomery, Miss B. . .	4 00
Haupt, Miss Fanny C. . .	1 00	Moore, Mrs. Alf. Fitler .	5 00
Hemsley, Mr. Frederick .	25 00	Morgan, Miss C. H. . . .	2 00
Henderson, Miss E. F. . .	20 00	Morris, Mrs. Anna . . .	5 00
Henry, Mrs. Chas. W. . .	250 00	Morris, Mrs. Israel W. .	10 00
Henry, Mrs. T. Charlton .	5 00	Myers, Mrs. Nathan . . .	5 00
Heppe, Mrs. Florence J. .	5 00	Nevin, Mrs. W. L. . . .	5 00
Hepworth, Mrs. Harriet .	5 00	O'Brien, Mrs. Frank . .	1 00
Homan, Mr. Mahlon . . .	5 00	Obdyke, Mrs. W. A. . . .	5 00
Hortsmann, Mrs. Walter .	5 00	Needham, Mrs. Jane . . .	1 00
Houston, Miss Edith C. .	2 00	Newlin, Miss Sarah . . .	10 00
Houston, Mrs. H. H. . . .	100 00	Nippins, Mrs. E. S. . . .	5 00
Howe, Mrs. Herbert M. . .	10 00	Paul, Mrs. Annie	2 00
Hogg, Mrs. C. L.	5 00	Packard, Mrs. F. R. . . .	5 00
Hutchinson, Mrs. J. H. .	10 00	Page, Mr. S. Davis . . .	20 00
Hutchinson, Miss Mar-		Pancoast, Elizabeth C. .	5 00
garetta	55 00	Pancoast, Mrs. Albert . .	5 00
Ireland, Mrs. A. C. . . .	5 00	Patteson Printing House .	5 00
Irvine, Mrs. Rebecca . . .	1 00	Patterson, Julia Kent . .	2 00
"In Memoriam"	5 00	Patterson, T. H. Hoge . .	5 00
"In Memory of Mother"	3 00	Pearsall, Miss	20 00
Isherwood, Mrs. Mary . .	25	Pechin, Miss L. S. . . .	5 00
Jacobs, Mrs. Edw. B. . . .	20 00	Perry, Mrs. Seaton . . .	25 00
Jenks, John Story	20 00	Perot, T. Morris, Jr . . .	10 00
Jenks, Mrs. John Story . .	10 00	Perot, Miss E. W.	5 00
Jenks, Mrs. Wm. F.	5 00	Perot, Miss M. W.	5 00
Jenks, Mrs. Wm. H. . . .	100 00	Platt, Miss Laura N. . . .	5 00
Jones, Mr. W. B.	10 00	Porter, Mrs. C. A. Jr. . .	10 00
Jones, Mrs. Woodruff . . .	10 00	Potts, Edwin C., (In	
Kaighn, Mr. Robert	2 00	memory of)	100 00
Kane, Mrs. Robt. P.	5 00	Pugh, Mrs. Mary J. . . .	1 00
Kendig, Mrs. Daniel . . .	5 00	Ramburger, W. K.	30 00
Kennedy, Mrs. Davidson . .	5 00	Randolph, Mrs. E.	50 00
Kessler, Mr. Gustav . . .	25 00	Rawle, Mrs. James	5 00
Kirkbride, Mrs. Thos. S. .	2 00	Reeve, Mrs. Augustus . .	3 00
Klein, Mrs. Julia F. . . .	1 00	Rhoads, Beulah M. . . .	5 00
Klemm, Mrs. John	1 00	Rhoads, Mrs. J. H. . . .	3 00
Kraybill, P. N.	1 00	Richards, Miss Annie . .	5 00
K. & L. E.	10 00	Richardson, Mrs. Chas. .	10 00
Laessle, Miss Carrie E. . .	5 00	Riddell, Mrs. Mary . . .	2 00
Lea, Mrs. G. H.	2 00	Roberts, Miss E. C. . . .	5 00
Lee, Mrs. Mary	1 00	Robskau, Mrs. Jane E. . .	1 00
Lewis, Mrs. Edmund	5 00	Rose, Mrs. Thomas	2 00
Lewis, Mrs. John F. . . .	10 00	Rosengarten, Miss F. . .	10 00
Lewis, Theo. J.	10 00	Rosengarten, J. G. . . .	10 00
Lillie, Mrs. S. Morris . . .	5 00	Sautter, Mr. & Mrs. C. L. .	5 00
Lindsey, Miss Eliza	5 00	Scattergood, Mrs. Thos. .	10 00
Lindsey, Mr. William . . .	100 00	Schmidt, Fred. W.	5 00
L. T. C.	10 00	Scott, Mrs. Edgar	25 00
McCahan, W. J.	10 00	Semple, Mrs. Matthew . .	25 00
McCaig, Mrs. Hannah . . .	1 00	Sharples, Francis W. . . .	15 00
McNichol, Mrs. Jas. P. . .	10 00	Sidwell, Mrs. Ermine . . .	1 00
Markoe, Mrs. John	50 00	Shippen, Miss Eliz. S. . .	100 00
Martin, Mrs. J. Willis . . .	5 00	Simpson, Mrs. E. A. . . .	1 00
Maule, Mrs. S. G. M. . . .	5 00	Siter, Mrs. Edward	10 00

Smith, Miss Anne H. . . \$	3 00	Vaux, Mr. & Mrs. G. Jr. \$	5 00
Smith, Mrs. Francis G.	5 00	Von Utassy, Mrs. L. W.	2 00
Smith, Mrs. L. H. . .	5 00	Wanamaker, Mr. John .	10 00
Smith, Mr. Harry H. Jr.	10 00	Warner, Mr. R. C. . .	5 00
Smith, Mrs. Harry H. .	10 00	Watts, Chas. A. . . .	5 00
Smith, Mrs. J. Somers .	10 00	Wetherill, Mrs. S. P. .	5 00
Smith, Mrs. S. A. . . .	50	Whelan, Mrs. T. Duncan	5 00
Smith, Miss S. R.	10 00	White, Mrs. Sam'l S., Jr.	5 00
Smith, Mrs. W. Mason	5 00	Whitney, Mrs. J. S. . .	5 00
Spear, Estate Louise M.	2000 00	Williams, Mrs. Charles	5 00
Sterrett, Miss Anna B. .	10 00	Willson, Mrs. Robert N.	5 00
Stevenson, Miss Anna P.	2 00	Winsor, Mrs. James D.	5 00
Strawbridge, Mrs. Geo.	10 00	Winsor, Mrs. Wm. D. .	25 00
Strawbridge, Mrs. W. J.	25 00	Winsor Mrs. W. D. . .	10 00
Strug, Mrs. Chas. J. . .	5 00	Wister, Mr. & Mrs. A. W.	5 00
Stump, Mrs. Anna B. . .	1 00	Wistar, Mr. C. Cresson	5 00
Swift, Elizabeth	10 00	Wister, Miss H. L. . .	10 00
Tatham, Mrs. Wm. P. . .	5 00	Wistar, Mrs. Thomas .	5 00
Tatum, Chas.	2 00	Withers, Miss Anne . .	2 00
Thomas, Mrs. Augustus	5 00	Woodward, Miss Clara	5 00
Thomas, Mrs. Geo. C. . .	25 00	Woodward, Mrs. Geo. .	25 00
Thomas, Miss M. H. H.	10 00	Wright, Miss Mary . .	1 00
Tripple, Mrs. Sarah . . .	50	Wright, Mrs. W. P. . .	5 00
Turner, Mrs. Chas. P. . .	25 00	"X. Y. Z."	20 00
Turner, Mrs. Mary A. . .	1 00	Yarnall, Sarah G. . . .	2 00
Vail, Miss Emily R. . . .	1 00	Youngblood, Mrs. Louisa	1 00
Van Sciver, Mrs. Nellie	1 00	Zanders, Mrs. May E. .	1 00
Vaux, George	10 00	Zanichelli, Mrs. Mary .	2 00

The foregoing list includes \$98.75 contributed by patients and employees.

Other special contributions:

Proceeds of several entertainments given by patients during the season \$

Small Donations \$ 66 14

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The Managers also gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following

DONATIONS OF ARTICLES, SERVICES, ETC.

- Ashton, Mrs. Rozana. One embroidered pillow cover.
Benyaurd, Miss Irene. One glass vase.
Black, Miss Sara I. Books.
Bright, Mr. F. W. Two baskets of pears.
Choate, Mrs. Rufus. One reclining chair.
Diehl, Mrs. Kate. One bureau scarf.
Edmundson, Miss Jennie. Two broom covers.
Homan, Mr. Mahlon. Three hundred oysters and one shad.
Hoskins, Wm. H. & Co. Six sets of index cards.
Hayday, Mr. Two rolling chairs.
McNichols, Mrs. James. One crate of pineapples.
Mose, The Misses. One glass plate.
Price, Mr. E. F. One-half pint of cream daily during season.
Thomas, Mrs. Augustus. Two Jig Saw Puzzles.
Williams, Mrs. David E. Six bureaus, six stands, one table, three chairs, two writing desks, six mirrors, six and one-half dozen towel racks and one book.
Woolverton, Mrs. Fanny L. One and one-half dozen dish towels, four tray covers and two doilies.
Zanichelli, Mrs. Mary. One dictionary.
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| Jones, Mrs. Nathan | } | Magazines. |
| Thomas, Mrs. A. | | |
| Muller Bros. | | |
| Atlantic City Post Office | } | Flowers. |
| Mellor, Mrs. Herbert | | |
| Stryke, Mrs. Mary C. | | |
| Diehl, Mrs. Kate | | |
| Cuyler, Mrs. John . . . | } | |
| Pleasantville W. C. T. U. | | |
| Captain John Dutch | } | Free sailing trips to patients. |
| " Charles Gail | | |
| " George Gail | | |
| " Samuel Gail | | |
| " Wm. E. Somers | | |
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| Berghauer, Mrs. Fannie A. | } | Fancy articles for sale |
| Ball, Mrs. Anna | | |
| Costello, Mrs. Helen | | |
| Craig, Mrs. Alice | | |
| Clyde, Miss Margaret | | |
| Collett, Mrs. Gertrude | | |
| Collett, Miss A. E. | | |
| Hoenstine, Miss Gertrude | | |
| Harner, Mrs. Alice | | |
| Hewes, Miss Amanda | | |
| Kleibenstein, Mrs. Anna | | |
| Mogee, Mrs. A. Dawson | | |
| Murphy, Miss M. Hobart | | |
| Miller, Miss Helen V. | | |
| McLees, Miss Nettie | | |
| Schultz, Miss Margaret | | |
| Simon, Mrs. Mary E. | | |
| Wolfersberger, Miss Lillian | | |
| Funk, Miss Mary L. | } | |
| Sharp, Miss Esther A | | |
| Hosbach, Miss Elizabeth | | |
- Vinton, Miss Sara A. Cataloging the library.
One sectional bookcase purchased by Miss Mary L. Funk with contributions which patients made to her during the season.
Electrical Equipment Company repairing bell system.

Information in Regard to Admission
TO
The Mercer Memorial House for Invalid Women.

All Letters relating to the Admission of patients or other business of the Institution should be addressed to the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Mercer Memorial House, Ohio and Pacific Avenues, Atlantic City, N. J.

The Institution is open from May 1st to October 1st. It is designed for the accommodation of women in ill health, unable to pay the usual charges at the seashore for comfortable board, proper nursing, and medical care. It is un-sectarian. It is largely supported by voluntary contributions, and five thousand dollars must annually be collected for its maintenance, in addition to the amount received from board of patients and the income of a very small endowment fund.

The building largely the gift of Mrs. J. C. Mercer, is provided with every convenience for the care of sick women.

The rooms are all furnished alike, but are not equally desirable in location. Patients cannot, however, be given a choice in this latter respect. The first floor is, as a rule, reserved for those able to go out only on crutches, in wheel-chairs, or with some assistance and the second floor for those who cannot go out at all or who could only with great difficulty go to the third floor.

The Charge for board and medical attendance is **FIVE** dollars per week, about one-half the actual cost. There is one large room on the third floor with six beds and another with three in which the charge is **THREE** dollars per week. There are no free beds. No reductions are ever made, and no special privileges are granted. Increased rates of board will not be accepted. Charge is made from the date for which the room is reserved and for the length of time it is reserved. Payment is expected in advance on the morning after arrival of the patient. Massage, electricity and salt baths are not provided by the Institution, but when needed, may be obtained elsewhere at the patient's expense.

Requirements for Admission—The applicant must be a person *in some degree of ill health and unable to pay the usual charges at the seashore for comfortable board and such nursing and medical care as she requires.* She must invariably present a testimonial of good character and the certificate of a physician as to her physical condition. The Certificate of her own physician is preferred, but applicants not at the time under the care of a physician can apply to one of the Examining Physicians of the Institution in Philadelphia. Certificates must be made out on the Institution blanks, which will be furnished on application by mail or otherwise **Please enclose a stamp.** These blanks must be completely filled up, or they will be returned to have omissions supplied.

Cases of contagious or mental diseases are not admitted. No one is ever admitted as an attendant upon a sick person except when the attendant herself is a person needing the care of the Institution. Then she can be admitted as a patient. The Institution provides necessary nursing.

Each patient must be over twenty years of age, unless she is under the care of some other *Patient* who is much older, and who will watch over her during her stay. No one under eighteen can be admitted in this way.

Children are never admitted. It has been found impracticable to make any arrangements for the admission of a mother to this Institution and her children to the Children's Seashore House at the same time.

In the admission of patients preference will always be given to residents of Philadelphia and vicinity. But those from other parts will also be admitted when there is room. There is often room in the early Spring and late Fall, but never between July 1st and September 1st.

As persons living at domestic service are as a class better provided for than most other working women, they will not be admitted during July and August unless they are seriously ill. For a similar reason inmates of public Homes will not be admitted during these two months whether they are ill or not. This rule does not apply to Hospital patients.

Assignment of Rooms—Rooms are assigned in turn. In the early Spring and late in the Fall patients can sometimes be admitted at once, but during the Summer the rooms are all engaged several weeks in advance. Sometimes, however, even in mid-summer, vacancies unexpectedly occur in consequence of patients failing to come at the appointed time. These unexpected vacancies are assigned to any who may be waiting for admission, and who *may have previously agreed to come on a few hours' notice*. The occurrence of such vacancies is seldom known in advance, and as they are for two weeks only, unless a patient can come immediately, there will be too little of the time left to make it worth while for her to come at all. Hence no one should apply for *such* a vacancy unless quite sure that she can come when telegraphed for. Such places cannot be kept vacant more than twenty-four hours.

The Length of Stay of each patient is determined by the Executive Committee. During July and August, no one is *promised* a longer stay than two weeks. It is, however, sometimes possible to prolong the stay for a week if, just at the end of the allotted time, there should be such an unexpected vacancy as is described above. In the Spring a longer stay will often be promised to invalids who greatly need it. The Executive Committee has authorized the Superintendent to dismiss at *any time* any patient whose presence is believed by her to be a disadvantage to the Institution.

Medical Care—Patients entering the Institution will be under the care of its physicians. Stimulants and narcotics must not be brought to the Institution.

Admission Permits—No patient should ever start for Atlantic City until she receives a **permit** from the Executive Committee. This is always promptly sent upon the receipt of an acceptable certificate. The permit contains full directions for reaching the Institution. **IT SHOULD BE CAREFULLY READ.**

Railroad Tickets—The Railroad Companies no longer furnish reduced rate tickets and all must now pay full fare. Round trip tickets good for two weeks can be procured at the stations.

Baggage—Baggage and letters should be directed to the care of the Mercer Memorial House for Invalid Women, Pacific and Ohio Avenues, Atlantic City, N. J.

No trunks, will, under any circumstances, be allowed to be taken up stairs. A room has been provided in the basement where they can, in privacy, be emptied into baskets provided for the purpose. These will be carried to patients' rooms, where ample provision has been made for the care of clothing under lock and key.

Sundays—Patients are not expected to arrive or depart on Sundays. Visitors will be admitted on that day, from ten to twelve only.

A list of the Examining Physicians of the Institution will be furnished on application.

Applicants for admission and their friends should bear in mind that the Managers are striving to give the benefits of the Institution to the largest possible number of invalid women, but that it is not large enough to admit all who apply for admission. All its beds are promised without favoritism, in the order of application, usually weeks in advance, and it is very often impossible to accommodate late applicants, no matter how worthy they may be, or how generous their friends may have been to the Institution, because there is literally not anywhere a spot on which an extra cot could be placed.

It would be a manifest injustice to require some friendless woman who had engaged her room long in advance, and who had for weeks been looking forward to occupying it at the one time in the summer when she could have the privilege, to give it up, and forego her visit altogether, because some late-comer, blessed with the friendship of a manager or contributor, could not be otherwise provided for.

FORMS OF BEQUEST.

LEGACY OF MONEY.

*I give and bequeath unto “**The Seaside House for Invalid Women,**” (incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey,) the sum of.....
to be paid to the Treasurer, for the time being, for the use of the Institution.*

DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE.

*I give and bequeath unto “**The Seaside House for Invalid Women,**” (incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey,) and its successors,
[HEREIN DESCRIBE THE PROPERTY.]
together with the appurtenances in fee simple.*

Extract from the Laws of Pennsylvania

By Act of Assembly, of 29th of April, 1885, a devise or bequest to charitable uses is void, unless it is done by Will, and attested by two creditable and disinterested witnesses, at least *thirty (30) days before the death of the testator.*

A recent decision of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania invalidates bequests to charitable institutions if there is any official relation whatever between the witnesses of the will and the institutions which are beneficiaries thereunder.
